The Lehigh Register.

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Our subscribers who do not receive their papers regularly will confer a great favor upon us by sending word to this office.

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THE Local Option Bill has become a law.

THE Miner's Journal says Harrisburg is named after Sary Gamp's friend, Mrs. Harris.

PERSONAL.—John Yost, Sr., of Salisbury, is very seriously ill.

A NEW YORK paper says, "the report that Horace Greeley is tired of politics and is going to open a writing school, lacks confirmation."

WILKES-BARRE has been afflicted with the mad dog excitement and they have had ample cause for alarm.

AN OLD SOLDIER GONE.—Andrew Kleitz, residing at Seventh and Union, died last Wednesday night, aged eighty-three. He was a soldier in the War of 1812.

ON A STRIKE.—The puddlers at Seyfert, McManus & Co.'s Sheet Mill are on a strike for higher wages. They demand an increase of $1 per ton, their wages at present being $5 per ton.—*Reading Times.*

STATE CAMP P. O. S. OF A.—On the afternoon of Friday, April 5th, at one o'clock, the State Camp, P. O. S. of A., will assemble at Reading, to take action upon the National Camp, created at the recent meeting of the Order held in Allentown.

THE Liberty Hose Company have erected a cupola on their hose house, from which their big bell will peal forth the dreadful alarm of fire, when duty calls them to do so. When strangers visit Allentown we can point with feelings of intensest patriotism to our "Liberty bell."

THE State Camp, P. O. S. of A., of New York, has passed the following resolution and forwarded the same to Camp 63, of this city:

Resolved, That the thanks of the State Camp of New York, P. O. S. of A., are due to Washington Camp 63, of Allentown, Pa., and are hereby tendered for the courtesy extended to the delegates to the National Camp from this State.

MAD DOGS.—A friend writes that the reason dogs have the hydrophobia in some parts of the State is because the cold weather has frozen up everything and the people don't know enough to place water where their dogs can get it. He says if dogs have plenty of water to drink they will not get hydrophobia. Who is prepared to fight this opinion?

A HANDSOME IMPROVEMENT.—Zellner Bros. have made a decided improvement in the appearance of their store room, No. 521 Hamilton street, by handsomely papering the walls. The appearance of their establishment is first-class and it is not deceitful, either, as will be attested by the numerous customers who choose the weed from their large and varied stock.

DORE'S LONDON will be commenced in the supplement sent out with Harper's Weekly for April 13. Each number will be adorned with many beautiful and interesting illustrations by Dore, the greatest living master of the Picturesque in Art, with entertaining descriptions and thrilling sketches of London Life prepared by Blanchard Jerrold.

SERIOUS INJURIES FROM A FALL.—Leidich Trach, residing in West Bethlehem, while engaged in tearing down a barn at the Saucon Iron mines, near Bingen, Tuesday morning, had the misfortune to fall from a beam to the threshing bed, a distance of about 20 feet, striking with his head. His injuries are severe and may prove fatal. He was brought to his home yesterday, and everything possible is being done for him.—*Bethlehem Times of yesterday.*

THERE is a case of cerebro spinal meningitis in the Sixth Ward. The victim is a lady. A well known doctor in this vicinity acquired quite a reputation and subsequently a fortune by his successful treatment of this disease. His remedy, we understand, was whisky. Some theorists ridicule the idea that alcoholic stimulants can cure any disease where the brain is fevered, but if practice has demonstrated the virtues of whisky in these cases, we don't think anybody ought to stand upon temperance prejudices or upon pet theories. The main point is to obtain a cure.

A GOOD TIME.—Wednesday Mr. Smith took possession of the Exchange Hotel and last night had a house warming. A number of the men, with a couple of ladies, got up a dance, and during their enjoyment pepper was thrown over the floor. This made the fellows very mad and very thirsty and they pronounced decidedly in favor of an intermission. After a time they resumed the dance again, when some one turned off the gas. This was piling injury upon insult and the result was a tremendous row, during which one of the men had his chin bitten off.

BUSINESS CHANGES.—George W. Brown, of Slatington, formerly of the firm of Cole, Heffman & Brown, has associated James M. Williams with him in the foundry and machine shop, at that place. We are not personally acquainted with Mr. Williams, but he comes of good stock and we do not hesitate, therefore, to believe that he will bring his share of energy, enterprise and business integrity into the firm.

The firm of Samuel McHose & Co. has been dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Moore retiring. The rolling mill will be carried on by Samuel McHose.

PLANT SUGAR CORN.—Truck gardening in the vicinity of a city like Allentown can be made very profitable. An acre of gardening for market ing pays much larger profits than heavy grain farming. Among the desireable truck is good green corn for table use. For town market the early sugar corn is the most desireable. It should be planted every two weeks, from the middle of April to July. In this way a succession of crops can be raised to supply the market during the whole season. Messrs. Christman & Brown, No. 807 Hamilton street, have a choice lot of sugar corn for seed, by the quart or packs, also all other choice kinds of vegetable seeds. The Trophy tomato is a new and specially fine variety.

SPOTTED FEVER IN GLENDON.—A short time since a young man named Clemens, whose father resides at Glendon, returned home from Scranton, where, report says, the spotted fever is raging. He was taken with the disease and has been very sick, but is now improving. A younger brother named Thomas also caught the infection and on Thursday last died. The deceased was but seventeen years of age and is said to have been a very fine young man. John Clemens, the elder brother, lost his hearing from the effects of the sickness. No other cases have been reported and it is hoped this dangerous malady will not be allowed to spread.—*Easton Argus.*

THE JAPANESE EMBASSY inspected the Zinc Works and the Bethlehem Iron Works, at Bethlehem, Wednesday, and we understand they gave their approval of the manner of doing things in these concerns. They received every attention from the gentlemanly managers of the works and must have left with very favorable impressions of this part of the State. Afterwards they were conveyed to Catasauqua, where they partook of a repast and visited the gigantic works of the Crane Iron Company. They proceeded to Mauch Chunk in the afternoon, to see how the coal regions are managed and to get switched back. They were attired in civilized clothes and presented the appearance of other human beings. The Lehigh Valley Railroad Company has certainly beaten the Reading this time.

They cannot know much of Pennsylvania without paying Allentown a visit.

SINCE the Pennsylvania Central Railroad Company has taken possession of the United Railways of New Jersey, the favorite "Allentown route" to the West from New York has suffered greatly. The Pennsylvania Central, it seems, to induce travel over the entire length of their road is doing all in their power to keep travel from the Allentown route—their latest freak, we understand, was to take off the sleeping cars on the latter route.—*Easton Express.*

The warfare by the Pennsylvania Central upon this route commenced before that company took possession of the New Jersey Railroad, and it is no more than could be expected that they should prosecute it more vigorously after they had obtained greater power. The day will come when, we think, the Allentown route will be independent of Pennsylvania Central by having a through road of its own.

PROPERTY HOLDERS are requested to read the advertisement in another column in reference to the payment of water taxes.

GOING FOR A SOLDIER.—About eight of the members of the America Hose Company, having become tired of serving as firemen, have concluded to enlist in the regular army.

THE new furnace company expects to make iron in ten months. The short time in which the whole of the capital of this company was raised is a fair example of the energy and enterprise of our prominent citizens.

SMALL-POX.—There are three cases of small pox in Salisbury, in the house next to Harrison Barner's tannery. We understand they had not been vaccinated. We suppose they thought it cheaper to have the small pox.

THE fish bill which has passed the Legislature appropriates $60,000 for fishery improvements. It requires fish-ways in the first four dams of the Lehigh. Mr. LaFayette Lentz, of Mauch Chunk, is named as one of the Commissioners in the bill.

RAILROAD ACCIDENT.—The Empire freight train on the Lehigh Valley road broke several couplings, last Wednesday, between Parryville and Lehigh Gap, by which two cars were badly damaged. One of the cars contained about 150 barrels of eggs which were all smashed.

BLATCHLEY'S CUCUMBER WOOD PUMP is THE BEST. For sale by the Hardware Trade, Dealers in Agricultural Implements, &c. If there is no agent in your town, send for descriptive circular. C. G. BLATCHLEY, 506 Commerce Street, Philadelphia. mar 13-3mw

LODGERS IN THE STATION HOUSE.—The following is the statement of the number of lodgers accommodated in the Station House during the past year:—April 75, May 21, June 14, July 4, August 8, September 26, October 42, November 104, December 153, January 121, February 111, March 98; Total, 777.

FELL DOWN STAIRS.—On Monday week Miss Mary Eggo, residing on Walnut street, between Third and Fourth, while inspecting a new house on Hamilton street, below the Jordan Bridge, fell down a flight of stairs, breaking her nose, cutting her lip and bruising her face very badly. The fall was caused by dizziness.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—Wm. G. Ritter sold to Mary Koons a lot on Eighth street between Walnut and Union streets, for $1500, and a lot on Eleventh street below Turner, for $500.

Mary Koons sold a house on Ninth street, between Chew and Gordon, to Wm. G. Ritter, for $2500.

Ritter & Abbott sold to Wm. G. Ritter a frame house on Willow street, for $1300.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of Jordan Division, No. 380, Sons of Temperance, held Monday evening, March 25th, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term:—W. P., Daniel H. Miller; W. A., Jas. Campbell; R. S., Willis J. Forrest; A. R. S., A. J. Erdman; F. S., Charles S. Massey; Treas., J. T. Burdge; C., Wm. J. Lochman; A. C., Harvey Newhard; R. S., H. Saeger; O. S., Ed. Henry; Chaplain, Wm. S. Haas.

A HARD RAP.—"It is abominable that tobacco chewers and spitters will persist in riding in passenger cars. It is almost impossible for a lady to find a seat but where some filthy hog has been squirting tobacco juice on the floor and between the seats. A man who would squirt tobacco spit in a pool, in a respectable passenger car, would lie, cheat and steal, for he has no respect or regard for the rights of others. There should be a cattle car for this kind of hog, and they should not be permitted to ride in the first-class cars."—*Paterson Guardian.*

FIRE.—A serious fire occurred at Quakake Junction, on the L. V. R. R., on Saturday week. While the freight was being shifted an oil car took fire, and the flames spread with great rapidity to the other cars which were attached to a train standing in the vicinity. The fire completely destroyed five cars loaded with oil and fifteen cars of coal. The heat of the burning oil and the spreading of the flames were so great that it was found utterly impossible to save the depot. The loss of this house, together with materials it contained, and the coal and oil destroyed with it, will amount to about $25,000.

REPORT of coal transported over the Lehigh Valley Railroad for week ending March 16th 1872, compared with same time last year:

	For Week.	For Year.
Total Wyoming	9,143 15	142 402 17
Hazleton	41,161 14	506 991 02
Upper Lehigh	66 15	850 07
Beaver Meadow	14,731 07	186.771 01
Mahanoy	5,169 02	58,842 06
Mauch Chunk	185 12	1,052 19
Total	70,458 05	8 6,110 12
Same time 1871	7,598 05	426,976 16
Increase	62,860 00	469,133 16

KEEPING ACCIDENTS FROM NEWSPAPERS.—The refusal of railroad officials to give the particulars of accidents in their possession for publication in the press is an evil which often creates the most intense and painful anxiety, and should be instantly abandoned. Very frequently reporters are obliged to rely on the exaggerated statements of passengers, simply because railroad companies preserve a studied silence when asked for information in relation to casualties on their lines. Instead of hiding the facts and thereby aiding the exaggerated reports which had been circulated, they should promptly furnish the press and the public the fullest and most unreserved statement of all the details of the accident that can be obtained.—*Easton Express.*

WHITE HAVEN.—A MAN FROZEN TO DEATH.—On Tuesday of last week Valentine Myers, of White Haven, left home for the purpose of going to Bear Creek to collect money. Nothing whatever was heard of him during that day and Wednesday, and on Thursday, considerable anxiety having arisen, a party went in search of him. The search was continued until Friday, when his body was finally found, frozen stiff and sitting upright in a clump of bushes. The party found that he had been to Bear Creek, and from the fact that they were enabled to trace him from his tracks a roundabout distance of upwards of thirty miles, the supposition has gained that he became lost, and traveled all this distance endeavoring to find his way home, or some familiar place, until the cold overcame him with the above named result.

STATE OF THE WEATHER AS IT WAS IN APRIL, 1871.—1, snow 3 inches; 2, sunshine at intervals; 3, cloudy with a little rain; 4, cloudy a m, clear p m; 5, changeable; 6, changeable a m, clear p m; 7, hazy, clear; 8, clear and very warm, ther. 84°; 9, 10, clear; 11, cloudy a m with heavy thunderoast, and large at 6½ p m; 12, cold north wind; 13, 14, changeable a m, mostly clear p m; 15, mostly clear; 16, cold with flying clouds; 17, do; 18, changeable; 19, cloudy with rain at 3 p m; 20, cloudy with a little rain a m and thunder and a little rain at 6 p m; 21, changeable, with two thunder showers, but not much rain; 22, 23, changeable with flying storm clouds; 24, mostly clear; 25, 26, clear and warm; 27, cold rainy day and night; 28, rain with thunder shower at 9 a m; 29, changeable and cool; 30, changeable with north wind.

Apricots began to bloom on 3 and 4.

Peaches show redness 8th. Some cherries 15th.

Peaches and plums mostly in bloom 19th.

Apples show redness 15th.

Rye heads reported 20th.

LEHIGH COUNTY IN THE SUPREME COURT. last week the Supreme Court rendered judgment in the following cases taken up from this county:

Brunner's Appeal—appeal dismissed. This sustains the Court in awarding to John William Brunner and Hannah Rice, each only $4,515.29, which were equal shares under the will with the brothers and sisters of George Shaffer, deceased; and $1,505.06⅔ to Mary Kram, $1,505.06⅔ to David Gieasy, and $1,505.00⅔ to the legal representatives of Solomon Gieasy. According to the Auditor's distribution Mr. Brunner and Mrs. Rice were each allowed shares equal to the shares of the brothers and sisters of the testator, and then were given each a one-fifth part of their mother's share. The attorneys of the three remaining children and their legal representatives filed exceptions to the Auditor's report, which were sustained by the Court below and also by the Supreme Court.

Kutz vs. Hottenstine—judgment affirmed. This was the omnibus case, where Mr. Hottenstine's defence for the non-payment of the note given as part compensation for the line, was that Kutz & Berkenstock failed to fulfill the agreement which was a part of the transaction.

Township of Lower Macungie vs. Philip Markhoffer—Judgment affirmed.

A GREAT many of our Allentown residences want shade trees in front of them. We have several good nurseries which supply trees at a very trifling expense and the addition of these makes an addition to the value of the property. Don't be so sordid, mean and selfish, landlords, that you leave your tenants subject to the broiling rays of the sun, for all time to come. The LORD has given us trees to add to our comfort—show that you are Christian enough to make your appreciation of his goodness apparent.

NEW FIRM.—Milton C. Bush and A. D. Burger have entered into co-partnership and will carry on the stove and tinware business at 616 Hamilton street. Mr. Bush is well known in connection with the old stand and Mr. Burger has made many friends while in attendance at M. S. Young & Co.'s hardware store. They are both energetic, enterprising and gentlemanly young men and are bound to do a good business.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—John A. Laubach, residing on Sixth street between Chew and Gordon, has purchased the mill property of John Laubach, at Kreidersville, for $9,000.

Reported by Alderman Mertz: W. F. Christman sold a lot 30x120 feet, north-east corner of Ninth and Turner streets, to Harris Miller, for $2,250.

Philip Clay sold a lot of ground, 20x115 feet, on Eighth st. north of Tilghman, to Nathan Schock, for $250.

BOARD OF HEALTH PROCEEDINGS.—The members of the Board of Health met Wednesday evening in Select Council chamber. Dr. A. J. Martin was called to the chair, and Dr. P. L. Reichard acted as Secretary. On motion of E. D. Lawall the Board proceeded to ballot for President and Secretary, with the following result: President, Dr. E. G. Martin; Secretary, A. V. Moser. A committee of five was appointed, consisting of Drs. Fegely, A. J. Martin, Reichard, G. Romig, and P. R. Palm, to draft rules and regulations governing the actions of the Board of Health.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.—At a regular meeting of Franklin Lodge, No. 38, A. O. of G. F., held on Tuesday evening, March 26th, the following officers were elected to serve for the ensuing term: W. G., James Major; V. G., William Tice, sr.; Chaplain, Israel Reaber; Secretary, William Smith; W. W., Samuel Cortright; J. W., E. Smith; W. T., William Tice, jr.; J. T., —— Osmin; Representatives of Grand Lodge, Franklin Smith and D. K. Trump; Trustees, Frank Smith, one year, D. K. Trump, one year and six months.

At a regular meeting of Allen Lodge, No. 71, I. O. of O. F., held on Tuesday evening, March 26, the following officers were elected: N. G., John Kessler; V. G., Henry W. Cole; A. S., Henry Bohlen.

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT.—Wednesday an accident happened at the Allentown Rolling Mill Company's Machine Shop, by which Franklin Weiss, residing at the corner of Second and Gordon sts., was badly, and probably fatally, injured. Weiss was the driver of a cart used for hauling heavy pieces of iron. At the time of the accident workmen were trying to raise a roll to convey it to the rear of the cart. In order to do this they had a rope and tackle to work with the lever, and when they had raised it to nearly the required height the chain slipped, throwing the hook from its place and the lever flew back with great force. A bolt upon the lever struck Weiss upon the back part of his head and penetrated his skull and brain. He was picked up in an insensible condition and after Drs. Fegley and Reichard had arrived on the spot and made an examination, he was conveyed home. Mr Weiss died on Thursday about noon. He leaves a wife and several children.

PROBABLY a number of people are deterred from going to Dr. Bernhardt, on account of his high charges. We would, therefore, remind our citizens that it is only in difficult cases, where the Doctor is compelled to spend several hours during several days for the purpose of obtaining the exact measurements of the eye, that high charges are made. Remember his professional services are worth something. If he can make the blind see is it not worth the cost? He has not exactly done this, but he has given relief in cases where the patient could not obtain such satisfaction after visiting one after another of the leading oculists of the country. Such persons are only too glad to obtain the proper kind of glasses, even if they do pay fifty, seventy-five or a hundred dollars—after having tried them they say they would not part with them for thousands. In cases where the eye is impaired only by age, the charge is ten dollars. This is very low, because the purchaser saves his eyesight, instead of having it weakened year by year until he has to buy a higher number.

Don't grasp for those things beyond your reach. Be energetic, enterprising and aspiring, but let all your business transactions be governed by moderation and caution. Make sure of what you have got, before you sigh for other worlds to conquer. Nothing can be more hurtful to a community than a large number of persons engaging in extensive speculations, upon small capitals, with the insane desire to grow suddenly and immensely wealthy. There are many opportunities to make money in Allentown and there are men who to-day are worth a hundred thousand or two, in the next decade will count their wealth by the million. But the poor men, nor the men of moderate means, must not expect to win a race with them—if they attempt it they will lose all they stake on the result. Labor slowly, but surely, and the reward will be gratifying. There are many projects on foot, which, if perfected, and they are perfectly feasible, will increase Allentown's population to at least 25,000 in 1880. We have no doubt that the most important of these projects will be in operation in less than a year from this date and that we shall see great benefits arising from them, but be calm and refrain from indulging in intemperate anticipations, else most of the good effects will be lost.

GET READY FOR A SMASH.—A decidedly new sensation is promised us on the 12th of next August. The famous M. Plantamour, Professor of Astronomy in Geneva, has discovered a new comet, which, it is declared, exceeds in size any similar meteor hitherto known of. By the elaborate calculations of this learned observer, the new comet is darting directly toward our globe with prodigious velocity, and will come into collision with it on the twelfth of August as aforesaid. The approach of this terrific object will be heralded by an extraordinary degree of heat; and the catastrophe cannot possibly be avoided unless by a deflection, not now to be prognosticated, produced by the comet impinging on the attractive scope of some other heavenly body. We believe that this alarming prophecy corresponds with one of Dr. Cummings' more recent announcements; and, if so, science and religion—or one eccentric representative of it—will for once and unequivocally be in accord. The inhabitants of the earth will have at least this consolation, that after the Plantamour comet comes within the range of telescopic observation, and becomes visible to the naked eye, there will yet be a long time for them to set their houses in order and prepare for the "eternal smash" that must ensue.

LUMBER PROSPECTS.—As the approaching building season promises to be brisker than any preceding one in Allentown for many years a few facts relative to the lumber prospects may be of interest to many of our citizens. A Columbia paper learns from "up river" sources, that more than an average amount of timber has been prepared for rafting this winter. Great activity has prevailed throughout the region which is traversed by the numerous tributaries of the Susquehanna. There has not been as much snow as usual, but the roads used for hauling have been in fair condition throughout the greater part of the winter, and teams had not to stand idle. What lumbermen now fear most is a lack of water when the rafting period comes round. The snows being light, it will take a succession of rains after spring has fairly opened, to make such a rise as can be depended upon for conveying the lumber to market. It will be remembered that the freshets of last Spring were rapid in their rise, and that they abated suddenly, leaving a large percentage of the lumber where it had been prepared for rafting. There is an immense quantity of ice in all the streams of the lumber region, some of them being frozen to a greater depth than many years before. In some instances this has been taken advantage of, and logs have been hauled for miles over the smooth surface of the congealed creeks. Some apprehensions are expressed by those living along the upper Susquehanna, in case there should come a sudden break of the very heavy bodies of ice which have accumulated, but it is hoped that there will be a gradual thaw out, and a steady and permanent rise of the waters. It would be well, however, for those living along the river, to keep a sharp look-out about the time when the break-up of this present long and hard winter takes place.

THE New York and Philadelphia Railroad bill has been defeated in the New Jersey Legislature. Where isn't the Pennsylvania Central the power that governs? When will the people rise up against this monopoly, which owns the press and the Legislatures of the States?

DR. BERNHARDT.—This gentleman has not yet been enabled to leave Allentown, the report of his singular ability in discovering the ailments of the eye, and his judicious adjustment of the proper glasses, having gone abroad and brought to his consultation rooms numbers of those in need of his services. He has been visited by persons from Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Norristown and Pottsville, besides many from the towns about Allentown. We have conversed with many using Dr. Bernhardt's glasses, and have been surprised at the gratification they all have expressed. We have not heard of a single case of dissatisfaction, or anything approaching it, and no present could better testify the feeling of good will to a friend or relative, than the restoration to sight, which never fails to accompany Dr. Bernhardt's glasses, when he himself fits them to the eye. In all cases the Doctor himself must see the eye. Call at once, before he is called away.

ANOTHER FATAL ACCIDENT.—A terrible and fatal accident occurred on Wednesday morning, about eleven o'clock, at Shimer's building. Thomas Hiskey was on the first-floor, in the south-east corner of the stone building, taking out sash. Mr. Shimer was standing in the door leading to the frame building. Workmen were tearing down the east wall above the second floor, when a mass of stones fell upon the floor, crushing it down upon Hiskey and carrying the first floor to the cellar, where the unfortunate man was completely buried under a mass of stones and timbers. Mr. Shimer heard the first noise and escaped from the building, and for some it was thought Hiskey had also escaped, but Mr. Shimer was confident that it was impossible for Hiskey to get out of the way in time and set men to work immediately to rescue him, if possible, from death. After digging for a quarter of an hour they discovered his boots and then they were confident that no man could live in such a position, and the hopes of the spectators that he was still living gave way to expressions of the sincerest sympathy and pity. About quarter before twelve he was taken out and his mangled and lifeless body was conveyed to the Mayor's office.

Mr. Hiskey was employed at the Fairview Cemetery and occupied the gate lodge at that place. He leaves a wife and six children, and many sorrowing friends to mourn his sad and sudden death.

The Coroner held an inquest that afternoon.

THE BLIND AND AGED AND THOSE OF IMPERFECT POWERS OF VISION.—There are more men made blind by wearing imperfect glasses than people are accustomed to believe. Through common glass, full of impurities and of different refracting power and different degrees of translucency, at any two points on the surface, many people look till they can see no more. Buy mean glasses at any shop, and no sooner do we enter the sunlight than tears begin to flow. By use the eye adapts itself to tasks it must discharge, and the unthinking wearer of coarse glasses never discovers how fatally he has injured his powers of vision till it may be impossible to repair the mischief. Common glasses are made of sand, like bottles and window panes. There are hardly two grains of sand of the same color, or of the same transparency. When melted, impurities are removed to the greatest possible extent by the manufacturer, but he finds it utterly impossible to render the product of his skill faultless, as that glass made of the Australian crystal and Brazilian Pebble. The surface and interior particles of glasses made by Dr. Bernhardt are perfectly uniform in their constituent particles. It follows that there are no imperfect rays of light that impinge upon the surface of the eye and optic nerves. In these facts consists the supreme excellency of Australian crystal and Brazilian pebble lenses. It also happens that the Doctor has been so long addicted to optical inquiries, that visitors of his apartments are subjected to curious experiments. He examines for a moment the interior and surface of the visitor's eye, and instantly applies glasses that perfect powers of vision. If there be disease, its cause is detected and modes of relief suggested. These latter tasks Dr. Bernhardt assigns to physicians who would undertake them. It is no part of his purpose to interfere between patients and regular physicians. Dr. Bernhardt may be seen at No. 10 American Hotel.

A Nashville physician speaks of Dr. Bernhardt as follows:

NASHVILLE, April 27, 1867.

The difference between Dr. Bernhardt and most Opticians is, according to my observation, that, while they pretend to more than they know, he knows more of his business than he professes.

W. K. ROWLING, M. D.

THE GENERAL LOCAL OPTION LAW.—The following bill has just been signed by the Governor:

An act to permit the voters of this Commonwealth to vote every three years on the question of granting licenses to sell intoxicating liquors.

Section 1. Be it enacted, That on the third Friday in March, 1872, in every city and county, in this Commonwealth, and at the annual municipal elections every third year thereafter, in every such city and county, it shall be the duty of the inspectors and judges of elections in the cities and counties, to receive tickets, either written or printed, from the legal voters of such cities and counties, labelled on the outside license, and on the inside for license, or against license, and to deposit said tickets in a box provided for that purpose by said inspectors and judges, as is required by law in the case of other tickets received at said election; and the tickets so received shall be counted and a return of the same made to the Clerk of the Court of Quarter Sessions of the peace of the proper county, duly certified as is required by law, which certificates shall be laid before the judges of the said court at the first meeting of said court after said election shall be held, and shall be filed with the other records of said court: and it shall be the duty of the Mayors of cities and Sheriffs of counties, or of any other whose duty it may be to perform such service, to give due public notice of such special election above provided for three weeks previous to the time of holding the same, and also three weeks before such election every third year thereafter. Provided, that this act shall not be construed to repeal or affect any special law prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors, or prohibiting the granting of licenses. Provided, that when the municipal and township elections in any county or city do not occur on the third Friday in March, the election provided for in this section shall be held on the day fixed for the municipal elections in said county; and provided further, that all licenses granted after the first day of January, 1873, shall cease, determine and become void on the first day of April, 1873, if the district for which they shall be granted determines against the granting of licenses, and the Treasurer of the proper county shall then refund to the holder of such license the moneys so paid therefor, for which the said Treasurer shall be entitled to credit in his accounts with the commonwealth.

Sec. 2. That in receiving, counting and making returns of the votes cast, the inspectors and judges and clerks of said election shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth regulating general elections, and all the penalties of said election laws are hereby extended to and shall apply to the voters, inspectors, judges, and clerks voting and in attendance upon the election held under the provisions of this act.

Sec. 3. Whenever by the returns of elections in city or county aforesaid it shall appear that there is a majority against license, it shall not be lawful for any court or board of license commissioners to issue a license for the sale of spiritous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors, or any admixture thereof, in said county at any time thereafter until, at an election as above provided, a majority shall vote in favor of license; provided that nothing contained in the provision of this act shall prevent the issuing of license to druggists for the sale of liquors for medicinal and manufacturing purposes; provided that the citizens of the boroughs of Lebanon shall vote upon the question on the third Friday of March, 1873, on the same day and time when the townships of the county of Lebanon hold their spring elections.

IF WE did not have a conscientious desire to do a positive good to the community we would not say so much respecting Dr. Bernhardt's skill as an optician, but while he is here we cannot say too much or too urgently recommend those having defective eyesight to go to him. Persons whose sight is simply impaired by age will receive the same proportionate benefit as those whose sight is impaired by disease. For the former he charges but ten dollars, a sum that is insignificant when compared with the value of saving the eyesight. In several instances the Doctor has given patients spectacles of a lesser power than they had been accustomed to using, and their sight was made better than it had been for years. With cheap, defective glasses a person is liable to pick out those which are too powerful for the eye and which weaken instead of strengthening the sight and the eye is ruined. How much better it is to pay a few dollars more and have the satisfaction of knowing that your sight is being cared for by one who has all the faculties, the skill and the professional education that enable him to know what would be good for you and what would be hurtful to you. If you, whose sight is affected by age, go to Dr. Bernhardt, we know you will never regret it.

THE Japanese Embassy was received by a committee of the Reading Board of Trade, upon the occasion of their visit to that city.

READING wants a law prohibiting the erection of frame buildings within certain limits of the city. The necessity for this law has been made apparent by recent fires.

THE friends of William Osmun will always find him at the yard or office of Albert M. Dinkey, ever ready to supply the superior coal for which that establishment has gained an excellent reputation.

LOANS SOLD.—On the 25th ult., the Peabody Loan and Building Association met at the house of Henry Correll, Fogelsville. When the monthly dues, interest and fines were received, there were sold the following shares:—two shares on mortgage at $50 premium per share. There was also sold $69.88 at $1.35 premium for thirty days. The current expenses for the previous year were first deducted from the cash receipts.

NEW INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Allentown Mutual Live Stock Insurance Company received their charter Monday and will commence business at once. The officers of the company are all well-known citizens, and thorough, energetic business men, which is a guarantee that all the affairs of the new company will be ably managed. The office of the Secretary, H. C. Hunsberger, Esq., is in the Second National Bank Building.

LEHIGHTON did not get her savings bank because the notice of intended application for a charter was not published six months previous to the time the application was made. The Legislature passed the bill but the Governor found the time of publication was three days short and he therefore refused to sign it. The News of that place is very indignant because the Governor refused to violate his oath of office when there was only a deficiency of so short a time, forgetting that a lacking of three days was as much of a shortcoming of a requirements of the law as three months.

A REMARKABLE AND MELANCHOLY DROWNING ACCIDENT.—A WARNING TO PARENTS.—At Mineral Springs, near Wilkes-Barre, on Thursday afternoon, a little girl aged nearly two years, daughter of Nicholas Lynn, was accidentally drowned. A sister who was engaged in washing left a kettle standing in the kitchen with about half a gallon of water in it. She went out for some purpose, and while gone the little child in some unknown way fell into the kettle with its face downward. She was found lying there by the sister when she returned, and was past resuscitation. This is another evidence that parents cannot exercise too much caution in the care of their children.

THE people of Wilkes-Barre are exercised over proposed alterations to their Court House, which will cost from ten to fifteen thousand dollars. According to the correspondent of the Scranton Republican, the people are desirous of having the building removed from its present position so that the square can be devoted to its originally intended purpose—a breathing place for the town—to be planted with trees and provided with a fountain. If the alterations are made the removal of the building will be only longer postponed. The public square, like the river bank, belongs to the people. The material in the present building and $4000 will erect another building in a better part of the city. The court house cost $80,000, enough to have made a very handsome bull ing, and yet it looks like an old Northampton county barn, while the court house at Williamsport is a much handsomer structure, better calculated for county purposes, and cost less than $50,000. The City Council intend to take action to force its removal.

R. R. CONDUCTORS' LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.—The Passenger Conductors' Life Insurance Company of the United States held their first annual meeting in Philadelphia on Wednesday last. President A. F. Rightmyer, of Reading, occupied the chair, and delivered an opening address, congratulating the company upon the rapidly growing success which attends the young organization. The report of the secretary and treasurer was read, showing the receipts for the year ending December 31, 1871, to have been $1,256.31, and expenditures $835.53 leaving a balance on hand of $420.78. The expenses for the present year are estimated at $770. In June, 1871, a member of the company, a conductor in the employ of the Reading Railroad, was killed by the train running over cattle. At that time the membership numbered but 186, and the deceased's widow therefore received $372, the assessment on the death of a member being $2 upon each member. As an evidence of the excellent working condition of the association it is recorded that the assessment was cheerfully paid and the whole sum made up within two months after the accident. In February last a member employed as a conductor on the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad died from pneumonia. There now being about 650 members, the widow will receive over $1,000. Before adjourning A. F. Rightmyer, of the Wilmington and Reading R. R., was re-elected President for the ensuing year. A grand banquet in the 11th Street Opera House wound up the proceedings.

A FALSE IMPRESSION.—The opinion generally prevails that, owing to an advance in the price of wool, goods manufactured therefrom will be much higher than heretofore.

Thus the Clothing of a large family becomes a serious matter with some parents, and every hint that puts them in possession of information whereby a great saving may be effected should be treasured.

No doubt the price of Clothing will be higher generally where material has been bought lately, or without the employment of sufficient capital *to buy low for cash*, which always secures its advantages; but where sharp foresight has prompted the securing of early bargains, and sufficient capital has enabled the purchase of immense quantities, which a large business insures the certain sale of, such dealers can afford to give their patrons the full benefit of the advantages thus secured.

The truth of these opinions is strengthened by a conference with our old friends BENNETT & CO., of the renowned Tower Hall Clothing, No. 518 Market street, Philadelphia, who have purchased a vast stock of materials for *Ready Cash* at much lower prices than they could now be obtained for under any circumstances, and have made them up into a splendid assortment of Clothing for Gentlemen, Youths and Boys' wear, which, owing to the peculiar advantages mentioned, they will be able to sell, as long as the present stock lasts, at prices *no higher*, and in some instances *even lower than those of last year*. We, therefore, cordially recommend all who wish to save money and desire fair dealing to give them a call, for they cannot do better. [apr1-was d,3-w

REORGANIZATION OF THE MAMMOTH STORES.—It is with pleasure that we address the citizens of Allentown and adjoining Counties to announce that we have reorganized our firm. The endeavor of the old firm was to make our friends "feel at home," and we are determined nothing shall be spared by the new firm to extend the same "Welcome," at the same time offering a much larger stock of Goods and a more satisfactory display. We shall offer in season all new and desirable DRESS GOODS, SHAWLS, SUITINGS, and an immense STOCK OF HOUSEKEEPING GOODS, second to none. Also a fine display of CARPETINGS, such as English Body Brussels, English Tapestry Brussels, 3 ply, Smith Tapestry Ingrain, Sanford Tapestry Ingrain, Extra Super Ingrain, Super Ingrain, all grades of Common Ingrain, Venetian, Wool Dutch, Rag, List and Hemp Carpets, Rugs, Mats, &c. OIL CLOTH, WINDOW SHADES, CURTAIN LACES, &c., &c. OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT UNSURPASSED in the "LEHIGH VALLEY" in point of quantity, quality, styles and prices, having ordered direct from the MANUFACTURERS and IMPORTERS before the LATE ADVANCE IN WOOL. We have enlarged our CARPET ROOM on the second floor, which is now the LARGEST IN THIS CITY, and not excelled anywhere. We offer GOODS IN THIS DEPARTMENT at New York and Philadelphia prices. We invite one and all to give us a call. EXAMINE FOR YOURSELVES, and be convinced that you can select from choice stock, and save time, passage, freight, &c., by buying here. In conclusion we would say that the principles and practices that have heretofore governed this Institution are our best guarantees for the future. Every department shall abound with BARGAINS, and our endeavor shall be to give the best attention to those who may favor us with their patronage.

We remain, yours, very respectfully,

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ASCENSION DAY occurs, this year, on the ninth of May.

PRIDE THAT APES HUMILITY.—Says the Easton Free Press: "Allentown is behind the age. The News announces the arrival of shad in that place at this time as a thing to be noted. Why we've had them here for a month, and this place isn't a city, it's a borough." There is a good deal of "the pride that apes humility" about this statement.—*Forney's Press.*

COMING.—R. Kendall's Pantomime Troupe will be here on the 16th of April. This troupe comes from the Holliday Street Theatre, Baltimore.

On account of the burning of their Opera House, Simmons & Slocum are making arrangements to go on a tour through the country.

Barnum's Museum will come to Allentown on Saturday, May 18th. Barnum unquestionably has the greatest show that ever traveled, embracing in his collection of wonders many curiosities that have never before been exhibited. It requires sixty freight and five passenger cars to transport his troupe, museum, etc.

ST. JOHN'S REFORMED CHURCH.—Services were held in this church every evening during Passion Week, which were largely attended, and deep interest was manifested in the solemn exercises. Sunday morning confirmation services were held, upon which occasion the pastor, Rev. S. G. Wagner, preached an able and exhaustive sermon on the nature and importance of the rite of confirmation, after which a class of catechumens, who had attended a regular and thorough course of catechetical instruction under the pastor, was confirmed and received in full communion with the church. In the evening another short sermon was preached by the pastor, in which he dwelt with much force and power upon the resurrection of Christ. After the conclusion of the sermon the communion was administered to the members of the congregation. The number added to the church by confirmation and by certificate from other churches was *twenty-six*, being the largest accession to this church at any one time since its organization.

THE WILD GEESE do not regard Dr. Ayer's wisdom in migrating north—such immense numbers of them as are flying over us now, while his almanac says: "Bleak and blustering about this time, with heavy snow."—*Cedar Rapids (Ia.) Times, March 3.*

We were too fast last week in our item on the conflict between Dr. Ayer and the wild geese. The Doctor's science beat their instinct this time. Not for years have we had such a snow-storm as that of last Sunday. The snow lies three feet deep on a